

**§61.197 Renewal of flight instructor certificates.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the holder of a flight instructor certificate may renew that certificate for an additional period of 24 calendar months if that individual satisfactorily completes a practical test for—

(1) Renewal of the flight instructor certificate and rating sought; or

(2) An additional flight instructor rating.

(b) The holder of a flight instructor certificate may renew that certificate and its ratings without accomplishing a practical test, by presenting to an FAA Flight Standards District Office evidence of one of the following:

(1) A record showing that, during the preceding 24 calendar months, the instructor has served—

(i) As a company check pilot;

(ii) As a chief flight instructor;

(iii) As a company check airman or flight instructor in a part 121 or part 135 operation; or

(iv) In a comparable position involving the regular evaluation of pilots.

(2) A graduation certificate from an approved flight instructor refresher course, provided that—

(i) The course was completed prior to the expiration date of the flight instructor certificate; and

(ii) The course consists of not less than 24 hours of ground training, flight training, or a combination of ground training and flight training.

(c) If an instructor satisfactorily completes the requirements of this section within 90 calendar days prior to the expiration date of the flight instructor certificate, the instructor is considered to have completed the requirements of this section prior to the expiration date, and the certificate will be renewed for an additional 24 calendar months beyond the expiration date.

(d) Except as allowed by paragraph (e) of this section, the practical test required by paragraph (a) of this section must be conducted in an aircraft.

(e) The practical test required by paragraph (a) of this section may be accomplished in a flight simulator or in a flight training device if the test is accomplished pursuant to an approved

course conducted by a training center certificated under part 142 of this chapter.

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**§61.199 Expired flight instructor certificates and ratings.**

(a) *Flight instructor certificates.* The holder of an expired flight instructor certificate may exchange that certificate for a new certificate by passing the practical test prescribed in §61.187.

(b) *Flight instructor ratings.* A flight instructor rating or a limited flight instructor rating on a pilot certificate is no longer valid and may not be exchanged for a similar rating or a flight instructor certificate. The holder of either of those ratings is issued a flight instructor certificate only if he passes the written and practical test prescribed in this subpart for the issue of that certificate.

**§61.201 Conversion to new system of instructor ratings.**

*General.* The holder of a flight instructor certificate that does not bear any of the new class or instrument ratings listed in §61.5(c) (2), (3), or (4) for a flight instructor certificate, may not exercise the privileges of that certificate. The holder of a flight instructor certificate with a glider rating need not convert that rating to a new class rating to exercise the privileges of that certificate and rating.

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**APPENDIX A TO PART 61—PRACTICAL TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR AIRPLANE AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT CERTIFICATES AND ASSOCIATED CLASS AND TYPE RATINGS (FOR PARTS 121 AND 135 USE ONLY)**

Throughout the maneuvers prescribed in this appendix, good judgment commensurate with a high level of safety must be demonstrated. In determining whether such judgment has been shown, the FAA inspector or designated examiner who conducts the check considers adherence to approved procedures, actions based on analysis of situations for which there is no prescribed procedure or recommended practice, and qualities of prudence and care in selecting a course of action.